



NATIONAL

# Food aid works for development

The 12th-century castle of Al Rabad, a relic of Salah Al Din Al Ayyoubi, dominates the countryside near Ajloun, some 95 kilometres northwest of Amman. From its battlements, one can admire the breathtaking highland view and rural landscape, made even more beautiful by the sweeping lines of the erosion-control structures which appear to have been carved straight out of the mountainside. These stone-and-earth structures, built by hand to preserve the precious resources of the soil from further deterioration, are the result of the skill and hard work of the people of Jordan. They are concrete proof of what can be achieved through development assistance in the form of food for work. They also illustrate how Jordan has learned to make use of food aid as an investment for development.

World Food Programme deputy representative in Jordan  
By Farid Oufi

JORDAN IS a small country, with a mountainous part and a vast stretch of desert in the east. In much of the highland areas the already scarce land resources have been fast deteriorating. Periodic droughts and occasional heavy rainfall cause soil erosion, flooding and sedimentation with serious consequences not only in the hilly areas, but also in the coun-

try's lowlands. The land is owned mostly by small farmers with less than 50 dunums (about 5 hectares) each, while many have as little as 25 dunums and some even smaller individual holdings, the result of fragmentation. This makes farming in highland regions as a rule an unprofitable enterprise which barely enables farmers to subsist.

let alone prosper, without assistance.

Since Jordan produces only about one third of its annual meat and milk requirements, and its wheat production is constantly threatened by lack of rain, agriculture faces perhaps the most difficult battle of any sector of the economy. The problem is how to develop additional sources of food.

In order to do this, the government has sought to mobilise farmers and encourage them through self-help activities to expand farming on every dunum of highland fit for cultivation. At the same time, it is endeavouring to create an agro-forestry system to integrate range improvement and sheep production, thus stimulating better management of land and animals.

Since these enterprises require the active participation of the people, WFP food assistance, acting as an incentive, has contributed greatly to their progress.

type of soil-conservation work has been practised here since the time of the Romans, and a few ancient constructions can still be seen today; but it has now acquired a new dimension with the increasing need to produce more food for the survival and welfare of the subsistence farmer.

Most of this work, aimed at protecting the farmers' plots from erosion and topsoil losses, is done by hand. Once it is done, the land becomes suitable for rain-fed farming.

Olive and other fruit trees, which have proved to be income-producing, are interplanted with grapevines to ensure a maximum rate of return for the farmer. Steep and rocky areas are planted by village labour with pine, cypress and other forest trees. In addition to preserving environmental beauty, this forestry operation has also a protective function: forest trees contribute to the success of the soil-conservation programme. In particular, they prevent sedimentation in the few reservoirs that exist in the country; they also protect vegetable plantations from flooding.

Since 1975 some 11,000 hectares of land, which had been idle because of advanced soil erosion, have been brought into cultivation and some 9,000 hectares of slopes have been planted with forest trees. Both programmes are becoming a development priority in an attempt to halt the deterioration of land resources.

### Experimental activities

The integration of rain-fed farming and sheep production into an agro-forestry system is being tested on a number of selected sites. Farmers are encouraged through their cooperatives to protect potential rangeland from indiscriminate grazing. They are attempting to increase its animal-carrying capacity by deferring grazing. This will permit the growth of natural grass and planted shrubs, which will be cut and utilised at maturity. In this way, the rangeland base will gradually expand and allow larger flocks of sheep to graze on it. Farmers are also encouraged to drop the wheat/fallow rotation in favour of a wheat/forage-legume rotation, again in order to increase forage output. As a result, farmers

who were previously compelled to sell their lambs prematurely for lack of forage will soon be able to engage in the more profitable occupation of lamb-fattening. In an innovative action, the Jordan Cooperative Organisation launched the establishment of cooperatives specialised in sheep-fattening, with the first of such cooperatives being established in Madaba in early 1981.

The increased supply of Jordan's favourite meat — lamb — produced by the cooperatives will help stabilise local prices and scale down the heavy dependence on meat imports, at present running at around 60 per cent of annual requirements.

At the end of the first season, the results of these experimental activities have provided grounds enough to continue with the undertaking.

### A package of incentives

IN ALL these activities, the main thrust of the effort has been to stimulate the interest of small farmers in the proper management of land and animals through a package of incentives.

Food aid, donated by WFP, has played an important role in supporting the government's action. Used as a supplement to the workers' wages, it has encouraged participation in self-help activities and increased labour productivity in such operations as the construction of terraces and other erosion-control work, as well as tree planting. It has also supported operations to protect and develop range reserves. Through a limited sale of WFP wheat, a revolving fund has been established to enable the poorer cooperatives to provide loans to low-income sheep breeders without the collateral security usually demanded by credit organisations.

Along with the provision of food, the government has been supporting soil erosion-prevention measures by providing technical supervision in order to ensure that the best standards of workmanship help to maintain soil fertility and minimise the recurrence of erosion. Government-management nurseries are active all the year around to produce seedlings of improved varieties of olive and other high-value fruit

trees for distribution to farmers at low cost; forest seedlings are even distributed free of charge to the public, in addition to about 1.5 million seedlings used in the afforestation programme every year. Small farmers have easy access to credit organisations where they can obtain loans for land development. Minimum wages for farm labourers have increased by 250 per cent over the

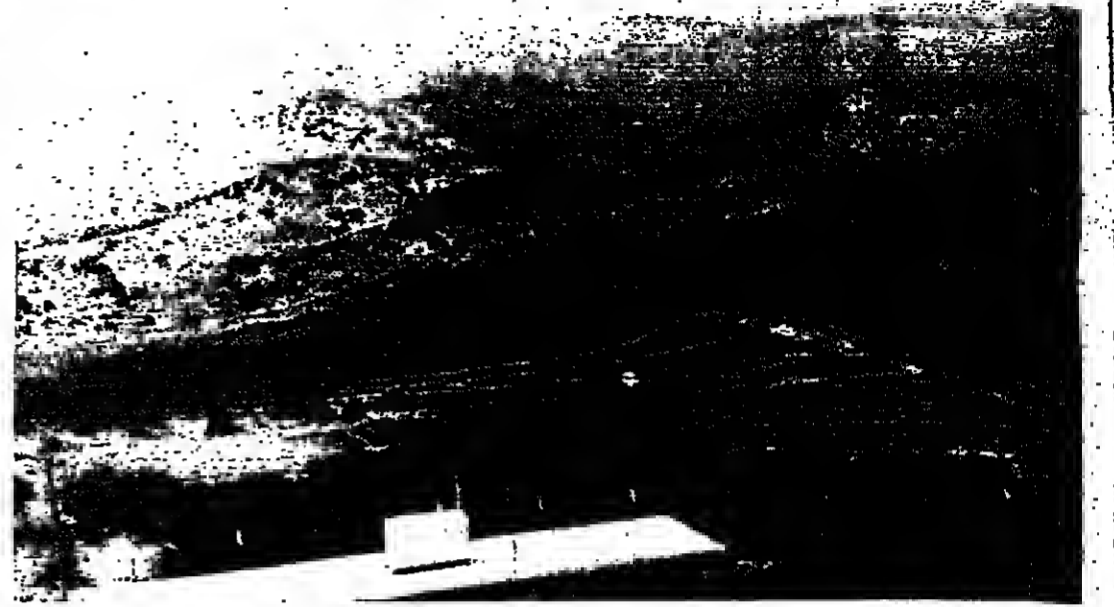
last five years, a clear indication of the government's determination to keep agro-forestry activities alive and to halt the drift of village wage-earners to the large towns in search of more lucrative jobs. There is, furthermore, a special incentive for cooperatives taking part in the range-improvement programme: any cooperative that can develop the land assigned to it into a servicing range-reserve will

be granted legal tenure of that land.

The people who are engaged in this undertaking feel a real sense of accomplishment. The investments being made, whether of cash, technical assistance, labour or food aid, are providing a lasting contribution to development by increasing food resources in this food-deficit country.



Olive and other fruit trees are interplanted with grapevines to ensure maximum returns for the farmer.



Erosion-control walls are built to make the land suitable for dry farming.



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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bahraini aide arrives

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — Bahraini Industrial Development Minister Yousef Al Shirawi arrived in Amman this afternoon for a two-day visit to Jordan to participate in the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the University of Jordan...

Taxis top 8,000

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — The number of Jordanian taxis operating on domestic and external routes has reached 8,015, including 2,570 service taxis operating in Amman and 2,490 private taxis...

Heater users warned of dangers

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — A spokesman for the Civil Defence Directorate has appealed to the public to be cautious when using heaters fuelled by kerosene and diesel oil.

Phosphate train cars derailed

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — Six phosphate wagons were derailed yesterday at the Bam Al Ghawn station on the Aqaba railroad.

Alia seeks more flights to London

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (J.T.) — Civil Aviation Director General Sharif Ghazi Rakan will leave for London at the end of this week to hold talks with British aviation officials...

University places for Iraqi students

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (J.T.) — The University of Jordan has decided to allocate 50 seats at its various faculties for Iraqi students in the academic year 1982-83...

Morocco appoints envoy to Jordan

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (J.T.) — The government of Jordan has approved Morocco's nomination of Abdul Latif Al Iraqi as its ambassador to Jordan...

Labour flow to Saudi said declining

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (J.T.) — Al Ra'i newspaper has quoted Ministry of Labour sources as saying that the number of Jordanian workers leaving to work in Saudi Arabia and Libya has decreased as compared to that during the past three years.

Omar named chamber deputy chief

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (J.T.) — Former diplomat Abdul Hamid Omar has been appointed deputy director of the Amman Chamber of Industry.

Swedish mission opens formally

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (J.T.) — Ambassador of Sweden and Mrs. Sten Stromholm this evening held a reception to mark the opening of the Swedish embassy in Amman.

63 questions about Mohammad

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — The council of Islamic organisations and societies in Jordan has organised a general competition on the anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's birth.

Today's Weather

It will be fair, with some clouds and southwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Overnight low, Daytime high. Rows: Amman (4, 17), Aqaba (9, 22), Deserts (3, 18), Jordan Valley (11, 21).

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 18, Aqaba 22. Humidity readings: Amman 36 per cent, Aqaba 43 per cent.

Visiting Indian religious leader receives first-order decoration

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — On behalf of His Majesty King Hussein, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif today bestowed the Jordanian Kawkab medal of the first order on Sultan Dr. Mohammad Burhaneddin...

ation Jordan's interest in strengthening ties among Muslims. He said it is time for "a true Islamic awakening, based on faith and closer communication to restore the glory of this nation..."

Dr. Burhaneddin explained to Crown Prince Hassan the history of the Bohra community and its conditions. He asserted its support of the Muslim brethren in the face of the challenges facing the Islamic Nation.

Aide discusses school project with EEC envoy

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — Director of Education at the Ministry of Education 'Izzat Jaradat today discussed with representatives of the European Economic Community (EEC) in Amman aspects of cooperation between the ministry and the EEC on the establishment of the Maftaq industrial school...

They also made a detailed review of the Madaba industrial school project, and agreement was reached to draw up an interim plan to provide the necessary equipment and apparatus for this project.

British tour agents leave after 'unforgettable' visit

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (J.T.) — A party of British travel agents left Amman on Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline's new TriStar today, after a familiarisation tour of Jordan...

The trip had been arranged by Jasmim Tours Ltd. in conjunction with Alia and International Traders in Amman.

18 Jordanian artists exhibit their paintings; gallery gets donation from grateful patron

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Alia opened at the Spanish Cultural Centre this evening an exhibition of contemporary Jordanian artists' work.

Oil and water-colour paintings are shown in the exhibition, in which 18 artists are participating.

Minister of Culture and Youth Mar'at Abu Nowar, members of the diplomatic corps and their wives and many other guests attended the opening of the exhibition.

Also today, Princess Wijdan Ali, the president of the Royal Society for Fine Arts, received at the Jordan National Gallery a painting donated to the gallery by Jordanian citizen Mohammad Abu Al 'Elinein.

CORRECTION

An article on page 2 of Monday's Jordan Times, about a fundraising bazaar organised by the British Ladies of Amman, incorrectly reported that a stall at the bazaar would be run by the Indian embassy.

Credit Lyonnais opens office for Jordan area

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (J.T.) — The Paris-based bank credit Lyonnais has just opened a general representative office for the Middle East, based in Amman, covering Jordan as well as Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon and Syria.

This reflects Credit Lyonnais' policy of overseas expansion. "By establishing this new bureau, Credit Lyonnais completes the bank's facilities in the Middle East and affirms its willingness to more actively participate in strengthening economic relations between France and Arab countries."

Mr. Bernard Tholon, general manager of the international division, performed the ceremonies of the official inauguration. Many high-ranking officials, prominent business men and bankers were invited to a reception this evening.

Mr. Yves Guillaume, the head of the representative office here, told the Jordan Times that though it is now opening formally, the office has been doing business since April.

Elsewhere in the Middle East, Credit Lyonnais has a branch in Cairo; associated banks in Bahrain, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia; shares in Al Ahli Bank Ltd. Dubai, and representative offices in Abu Dhabi and Cairo.

Annual Alia sales conference begins with look at profitability

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — The annual conference of sales managers of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, began in Amman today.

The meetings were opened by Alia Chairman and President Ali Ghandour, who spoke about the airline's achievements, the programmes and projects it has implemented and its plans for the next year. He said Alia had made a profit this year for the ninth consecutive year.

Mr. Ghandour called for a link between sales activity and marketing and touristic activity, in order to make Amman a transit point for passengers and tourists bound to the various parts of the world.

During the three-day conference, Alia sales managers will discuss Alia's general sales plan for next year as well as sales plans for each area separately, in order to reach an integrated plan.

Forty-one representatives of Alia in the various European and Middle Eastern countries, in addition to officials in the Alia sales, planning and management departments, are participating in the meetings.

Refinery gets wireless link to Civil Defence

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — The Civil Defence Directorate today supplied the Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company plant near Zarqa with wireless equipment to operate between the refinery and Civil Defence stations.

A spokesman for the directorate said that the aim of the step is to secure safety at vital and important facilities of the refinery, and to provide a rapid communications link. Civil Defence vehicles could now be called quickly in case of any emergency, he said.

Officials at the refinery praised the efforts of the Civil Defence Directorate to safeguard the public interest and to curb incidents.

King, Crown Prince visit military H.Q.



AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, accompanied by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, visited at noon today the armed forces headquarters where he met with Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and discussed with him matters related to the armed forces. The supreme commander gave his instructions on military matters discussed.

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ART REVIEW

Rizq Abdul Hadi: artistic abilities shining through a search for style

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Dec. 14 — The work of Rizq Abdul Hadi, now on exhibition at the Ministry of Culture and Youth art gallery, is characterised by a variety of styles, which range from the totally abstract to pen-and-ink drawings of German villages.

Leading the group was Mr. Jim Smith, managing director of Jasmim Tours, who reported his delight with the arrangements.

Travel Agents in the U.K. know about Jordan, but don't quite realise just what it has to offer, he said. "For less than £300 you can visit Jordan, and this is a lot less than some other areas in Europe."

"Our party have marvelled at the splendours of the ancient sites — thrilled at the warmth of the friendly people and were very pleased with the quality of hotel facilities." Mr. Smith expects a big increase in visitors to Jordan in 1982, as more and more people in the U.K. hear about holidays in Agaba. Quite a few of the visitors will be families who find Jordan an ideal place to reunite for holidays when husbands are based in the Gulf.

Mr. Abdul Hadi is a new artist, still in the midst of the long process of finding his own style, and the rest of the 55 pieces on show — which are all being inaccessibly high — reflect this, as they are rather standard work experimenting with different kinds of media, techniques and ideas.



Rizq Abdul Hadi

Development bank's lending for year approaches JD 17m

AMMAN, Dec. 14 (Petra) — Development Bank for Municipalities and Village Councils Director General Mahdi Al Farhan said today the bank had, between the beginning of this year and the end of last month, authorised loans to local authorities totalling JD 16.814 million.

Dr. Farhan said that JD 8.695 million had been transferred to the funds of the local organisations. Municipal councils got JD 7,508 million and village councils JD 1,187,000, he said.

Dr. Farhan added that during the same period, these organisations had paid back to the bank a total of JD 2,257 million, including JD 1,821 from municipal

councils and JD 436,000 from village councils.

Dr. Farhan said that out of the deposits in the name of the municipalities at the bank, municipalities have withdrawn in the last 11 months a total of JD 11 million. This represents 106 per cent of their total authorised appropriations, he said. A cabinet decision had fixed these appropriations at JD 10,379 million.

Dr. Farhan said that the bank has been granting credit facilities to the local authorities to help them overcome the difficulties and problems they are facing. He said these credit facilities are drawn from the bank's own resources.

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- An exhibition of "Contemporary Jordanian painters" at the Spanish Cultural Centre. The paintings of Rizq Abdul Hadi, at the Ministry of Culture and Youth art gallery.

- Paintings by Basem Al Sheikh Jawad, at the Holiday Inn.

Film

- The Goethe Institute presents "Der Moerder" (sob-titled in English), at 8 p.m.
- The American Centre presents a documentary called "Museums", on American museums, at 6:00 p.m.

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SPORTS

Tennis Talk



Spin serve

By Maureen Stalla

Good servers hit most of their serves with spin. Spin makes the ball loop and increases its chances of going in.

The first thing to do in learning the spin serve is to change the grip from forehand to backhand, or nearly backhand.

During the backswing it is necessary to turn the body more sideways as you toss. The tossing arm actually should trace a J.

New Zealand still in with a chance

KUWAIT, Dec. 14 (R) — New Zealand retained an outside chance of claiming the last place in the 24-nation World Cup soccer finals in Spain next year when they drew 2-2 with Kuwait in an Asia-Oceania qualifying match today.

India, England test ends in draw

BANGALORE, Dec. 14 (R) — Sunil Gavaskar played the longest first-class innings by an Indian — nearly 12 hours — as the second cricket test against England ended in a draw today.

John McEnroe carries U.S. to their 27th Davis Cup victory

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14 (R) — John McEnroe behaved himself when it really mattered and played a superb final set to earn the United States the Davis Cup yesterday.

The world's leading player produced the sort of clutch performance the situation required as he defeated Jose Luis Clerc of Argentina 7-5, 5-7, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to clinch the contest for his country for the 27th time.

McEnroe came up with a marvellous display of his virtuosity and serving power in the final set against Clerc and when it was finished his joy overflowed as he leaped over the net to congratulate his opponent.

"This was the best Davis Cup victory that I've ever had," he said later. "I kept more pressure on him in the fifth set and I served better. But he played a hell of a match."

The match lasted four hours and 52 minutes, one of the longest in Davis Cup history, and the Argentine pair led 7-6 with service to follow in the final set.

But the Americans broke Vilas' serve to love with the help of three outright winners by McEnroe.

Later McEnroe accused Clerc and Vilas of engaging in gamesmanship during the match.

Clerc had chances to lead by two sets and felt he should have taken the first after serving for it at 5-4.

"I think I played really well. The important points I didn't play so well. Maybe I lost concentration, but he put a lot of pressure on me," he said.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN ©1981 by Chicago Tribune

Neither vulnerable. West deals. NORTH ♠ 1052 ♥ 843 ♦ K93 ♣ K985 WEST ♠ KQJ9 ♥ J109 ♦ Q4 ♣ QJ72 EAST ♠ 83 ♥ T652 ♦ J1065 ♣ 1064 SOUTH ♠ A764 ♥ AKQ ♦ A872 ♣ A3

The bidding: West North East South Pass Pass Pass 1 ♦ Dble Pass 2 ♣ 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass Pass Opening lead: King of ♠.

The punishment more than fitted the crime when declarer took advantage of a slight indiscretion by one of the defenders in the bidding to land a difficult no trump game.

hazard a takeout double—especially since his queen of diamonds was of doubtful value, and he had only defensive trick. Had South doubled at his second turn, the normal way to show a strong hand, North would have converted to penalties and accurate defense would have netted 700 points.

West led the top of his spade sequence, and when dummy came down declarer could count only eight tricks. The chief hope of developing a ninth was the diamond suit.

Normally, declarer would have relied on a 3-3 break and gone down to defeat. But West's takeout double almost surely marked him with diamond shortness, so declarer tried a different tack.

He made the correct technical play of allowing West to win the first spade trick, then he captured the continuation of the queen with the ace. Next, he led a low diamond and inserted dummy's nine when West followed with a low card.

Desperate British seamen cook potatoes in whisky

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Dec. 14 (R) — The crew of the British yacht Bubblegum, the smallest vessel in the Whitbread round the world race, cooked potatoes in whisky to save fresh water on their way to Auckland.

"The potatoes were awful but the gravy was great," said Scottish skipper Ian McGowan Fyfe. The good ship Bubblegum crossed the finish line at the end of the Capetown-Auckland leg today with no food at all on board.

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Australia in trouble at 78 for five

MELBOURNE, Dec. 14 (R) — Pakistan, beaten in the first two matches of the series, were poised to win the third and final test against Australia after taking 11 wickets for 174 runs at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today.

century in 375 minutes. He was then dismissed by Sarfraz Nawaz and in the second innings made only one before failing to the same bowler.

IAAF decides on athletes' payments

ROME, Dec. 14 (A.P.) — The International Track and Field Federation (IAAF) has made a first step toward recognizing payments to athletes through "trust funds" which include money from sponsors, industries and organizers.

Neblolo said the money could be given to the athletes "part during their career to help them with training and expenses, and the rest when they retire."

The announcement capped three days of meetings of the IAAF council followed by talks with Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

He stressed, however, that basically the money from the various sources would go into the fund and be held for the athletes on whose behalf payments had been made and not for other purposes.

Ferreri to defend title

SYDNEY, Dec. 14 (A.P.) — Australian multiple champion Paul Ferreri will defend his Commonwealth bantamweight title against Zimbabwean bantam champion Sir Mackenzie here on Wednesday night.

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